

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

On April 16, 2004, applicants filed a complete response to a non-final Office Action dated January 16, 2004. This supplemental response is submitted in order to further clarify the subject matter applicants regard as their invention.

In this supplemental response, independent claims 5, 11 and 14-16 are amended to require the respective aqueous dispersions to have a pH of at or above 8.0. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, e.g., pages 3-4 and in the claims as originally filed. These amendments, when considered in concert with the amendments and remarks submitted in applicants' April 16, 2004, response, provide further grounds for withdrawal of the prior art rejections entered in the Office Action. For example, and among other distinctions noted in the prior response, the prior art does not disclose or teach the claimed dispersions having a pH at or above 8.0, or recording materials produced using these dispersions.

The application is considered in good and proper form for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issuance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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